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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed
- ☐ the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the claims:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the drawings:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language English which is
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☒ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item I and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-11	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2, 3, 6	YES
	Claims	1, 4, 5, 7-11	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-11	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1) Reference is made to the following documents:

D1 : US 6,220,309 B1

D2 : KR 2002-43729 A

D3 : KR 332581 B1

D4 : JP 2002-120683 A

2) Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability.

The present invention relates to an inflatable two-layer fabric comprising two separated fabric layers woven at the same time using a weaving machine, and an attachment area of said two fabric layers by means of crossing attachment points, wherein said attachment area has air leakage per unit length of less than 0.8 l/min · cm (at 2.5 KPa); and a car airbag comprising the same.

D1 relates to an inflatable two-layer fabric comprising at least two layers of fabric and an attachment area of said two fabric layers by means of crossing attachment points.

D2 relates to a side curtain type air bag coated with a predetermined amount of synthetic resin, wherein the air leakage per unit length of the attaching area of upper and lower layers is less than 0.8 l/min · cm (at 2.5 KPa).

D3 relates to a fabric for coating an airbag of which the thickness is less than 0.04cm.

D4 relates to a side airbag of which the cover factor is at least 1800.

Though D1-D4 are the same as the present invention in disclosing inflatable fabric (for an airbag).

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of:

Box V.

The technical feature of claims 2,3,6 of the present invention is not disclosed in D1-D4 and is not obvious to a person skilled in the art. Thus Claims 2,3,6 are novel and inventive under PCT Article 33(2) and (3).

Claims 1,4,5,7-11 are considered novel under PCT Article 33(2) since they are respectively disclosed in D1-D4. However they can be readily invented by a person skilled in the art by combining at least two selected from D1-D4. Thus the above claims are not inventive under PCT Article 33(3).

Claims 1 to 11 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), because all the claims are considered to be industrially applicable.